

## UNODC launches global awareness campaign on organized crime



**Transnational organized crime: Let's put them out of business**

On 16 July, UNODC launched a global campaign on the impact of transnational organized crime. The campaign reveals key financial and social costs of this international threat. Organized crime is estimated to generate a turnover of \$ 870 billion annually. These illicit funds are equivalent to approximately 1.5 per cent of the global GDP or 7 per cent of the world's exports.

With an estimated value of \$ 320 billion a year, drug trafficking is the most lucrative form of business for criminals. Human trafficking brings in about \$ 32 billion annually, while estimates place the global value of the smuggling of migrants at \$ 7 billion per year. Apart from the monetary concerns, the human cost associated with transnational organized crime is also a cause for worry. Millions of lives are lost due to drug-related health problems, violence and firearm deaths.

The UNODC-led campaign illustrates the fact that despite being a global threat, the effects of transnational organized crime are felt locally. Criminal groups can destabilize countries, increase domestic corruption, extortion and violence. The campaign includes a public service announcement video, fact sheets and reports on this global menace and can be viewed at: [www.unodc.org/toc](http://www.unodc.org/toc)

## India: CRPF joins hands with UNODC



On 13 August, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and UNODC signed an agreement to set up Computer Based Training (CBT) centres for the CRPF.

The CBT is a training program developed by UNODC that aims at enhancing the training capacity of law enforcement agencies. The content is based on global best practices and is being used in over 60 countries.

The interactive program includes more than 100 hrs of e-training on drug trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering etc.

Mr K Vijay Kumar, DG CRPF said that there are some very interesting modules in the CBT program that are relevant to the CRPF. He made a special mention of the module on performing a car search, stating that this module would be highly useful for the search of arms and other illicit goods. With a strength of 300,000 personnel, the CRPF is considered the largest paramilitary force in the world.

Various law enforcement agencies of the Government of India are currently using CBT for capacity building of their personnel. Earlier in April this year, the Director General of the Narcotics Control Bureau of India inaugurated a CBT Centre at their Delhi Headquarters.

## Upcoming events

**26 - 27 August, Male, Maldives:** A "Training of Law Enforcement Professionals on Human Rights Based, HIV and Drug Treatment and Prevention Approaches" will be organised by the National Drug Agency and UNODC. The workshop aims at sensitizing judges and prosecutors on evidence-based HIV treatment and drug treatment approaches for incarcerated drug users.

*The workshop will be conducted under the project titled "Strengthening the National Response to Combat Drug Abuse in the Maldives" implemented by UNODC and funded by the European Union (EU).*

## Trainings, workshops and consultations

### New Delhi: Consultation on Homeland Security 2012

UNODC participated in a consultation titled: "Homeland Security 2012 – Safe and Secure City", hosted by FICCI in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development from 7-8 August. The consultation focused on improving safety in our cities by reducing urban crime. Experts spoke on violence against women, cyber crime and white collar crime. Ms Cristina Albertin, UNODC Representative was a panelist and presented an international perspective on crime prevention in cities.

### Bangkok: South Asia Regional Anti-Trafficking Workshop

UNODC participated in the South Asia Regional Anti-Trafficking Workshop organised by DFID and ILO from 26-28 June in Bangkok, Thailand. UNODC presented on the pilot phase of a project titled "Reducing the trafficking of women and girls for domestic work in India and Nepal", implemented in India and Nepal in close partnership with ILO and with the financial support of DFID. Working closely with ILO and DFID, UNODC aims to build an anti human trafficking programme that focuses on domestic workers and forced labour in the region.

### New Delhi and Bangalore: Working Group Meetings on Corruption in the Business Sector

UNODC set up a national and state level working group titled: "Legislative, policy, practice review group meetings-addressing corruption in the business sector." These groups were set up to identify gaps and good practices in Indian legislation and to assess its conformity with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. Around 30 senior level members from the Government of India and officials from Indian businesses attended the meetings. A report on the recommendations made at the meetings will be presented later this year.

## UNODC internal news corner

### The Office bids farewell to Dr Ravindra Rao, Ms Melika Rana and Ms Himakshi Piplani



Dr Ravindra Rao joined UNODC in June 2010 as a Technical Officer on the drugs and HIV project.

He leaves to join the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC) in New Delhi. We wish him the very best for the future.



Ms Melika Rana joined UNODC in 2004 as the receptionist. She was the friendly face that welcomed

visitors to our office. We thank her for eight years of dedicated service at UNODC.



Ms Himakshi Piplani joined UNODC in August 2011 as a Technical Consultant.

She leaves to join the HIV Young Leaders Fund and we wish her all the best.

### We welcome on board Mr Ashish Ranjan, Ms Mirfath Ahmed and Mr Rajendra Sharma



Mr Ashish Ranjan joined UNODC in May 2012 as an IT Associate. He has a Masters in Information Technology and is a CISCO certified Network Associate.

Previously he was working with Prometric Software Testing PLL as a Global Test Centre Support Analyst.



Ms Mirfath Ahmed joined UNODC in the Maldives in July 2012 as a Project Officer. She holds a Bachelors

Degree in Economics and Management and has previously worked for the National Drug Agency (NDA) as a Programme Manager.



Mr Rajendra Prasad Sharma joined UNODC in August 2012 as an Anti-Corruption

and Crime Prevention Expert. He belongs to the Indian Police Service which he joined in 1986.